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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ito, Hiromichi

Attorney Docket No.: SHIBP004

Application No.: 09/529,765

Examiner: Frejd, Russell Warren

Filed: June 21, 2000

Group: 2128

Title: Processing System for Processing Building
Structural Components**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION**

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Signed: **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| | Claims After Amendment | | Highest Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Small Entity Rate Fee | Large Entity Rate Fee |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Claims | 13 | MINUS | 20 | 0 | x 9 = | x 18 = 0 |
| Independent Claims | 04 | MINUS | 03 | 1 | x 43 = | x 86 = 86.00 |
| Total | | | | | \$ | \$86.00 |

☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.

☒ Please charge the required fees of **\$86.00** and any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SHIBP004)

Respectfully submitted,
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004, a response to which is due June 30, 2004 please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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